

New Shoreham Deer Task Force
Tuesday, July 20, 2010
Town Hall, Old Town Road
7:30 p.m.

Present: Becky Ballard, Chris Blane, Maggie Komosinski, Chris Blansfield, Bill Wilson and Paul Deane

Pat Doyle and George Mellor arrived after the first vote. Also present was Judy Tierney, from the Block Island Times and Bonny Ryan was present to take the minutes.

Not Present: Mary Sue Record

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Becky Ballard.

1. Public Input - None

2. Approval of minutes from June 29, 2010

Minutes were approved with a minor correction in a motion by Paul Deane and seconded by Chris Blansfield.

Ayes 6 (Ballard, Blane, Komosinski, Blansfield, Wilson and Deane)

Nays 0

Absent 3 (Record, Doyle and Mellor had not arrived yet)

3. Old Business

- Fish-Krause/Diuk-Wasser Study – Becky Ballard reported that small animal trapping had begun.
- Status of Conservation Land – It was reported that the next Land Trust meeting is August 16, 2010. Liability still seems to be an issue. There was a discussion about Plat 20 Lot 20, hunting dates, and asking BIC and Nature Conservancy to open up contiguous land.
- Status of other groups-RIAC –wait to hear from the Conservancy, Boy Scouts are reviewing indemnification letter and waiting to hear from Nature Conservancy.

4. Subcommittee reports

- Public Information/Involvement subcommittee – Pat Doyle spoke with representatives in 10 property areas i.e. Homeowners Associations, in an attempt to open more private lands for hunting. There was a discussion about a letter asking people to open their lands for hunting being circulated by BIRA to their mailing list.

A motion was made by George Mellor to ask BIRA to circulate this letter; it was seconded. Discussion about this letter followed with suggestions and changes to the letter. George Mellor and Bill Wilson will make changes to the letter for the next meeting. The motion was then amended by Maggie Komosinski and seconded by Paul Deane to ask BIRA to circulate a letter to homeowners asking for permission to hunt their lands.

Ayes 7 (Ballard, Komosinski, Blansfield, Wilson, Deane, Doyle and Mellor)

Nays 1 (Blane)

Absent 1 (Record)

New Business

- Review of revised FAQ - The FAQ that Mary Sue Record revised and circulated was discussed item by item with deletions and insertions. It will be re-circulated after the changes are made and voted on at the next meeting.

Because of the late hour the following items were tabled until next meeting:

1. Contact with other places that have deer issues (Shelter Island, Nantucket, etc.)
2. Planning for the Sept. 20th meeting with Dr. Gifford.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 in a motion by Pat Doyle and seconded by Maggie Komosinski and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 8/3/2010

Bonny Ryan